

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-11 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

All independent claims recite, or similarly recite, in combination with the remaining elements, the steps of a method for monitoring activities of a person quoting information verbatim in an electronic document file being authored, comprising the "subsequent" steps of: receiving a user-selected first insertion point or replacement area for placement of verbatim quoted information within a first user interface to a destination electronic document file; subsequent to receiving said first insertion point, providing a source user interface to a user-selected source electronic document file upon user command; subsequent to providing said source user interface, receiving a user selection of text content to be transferred from said source user interface to said first insertion point or replacement area; subsequent to receiving said user selection of content, "automatically copying said selected content to a transfer buffer without requiring said user to return to said first user interface"; "capturing and recording one or more source reference data items" corresponding to said selected content simultaneously with or subsequent to said automatic copying; "producing in said destination electronic document file a footnote, endnote, or bibliographical entry comprising said captured source reference data items"; and automatically generating a human-readable monitor report containing said recorded source reference data items and an identity indicator of said user.

The closest prior art, Jacobson (US 6735701 B1) and other prior of records such as TechSmith Corp. (SnagIt User's Guide), show a similar method for cut-and-paste operations. For example, Jacobsen describes typical downloading scenario (e.g. select source first, designate destination second); and Snag-it does not insert content into an existing user interface while viewing a file, but instead creates a new file, email, document, etc. Most of these operations are source first, destination second sequence. However, Jacobson, singularly or in combination with Snag-it (or with the prior art of records), still fail to anticipate the invention's "destination first, source second sequence", repeated automatic copying without designating the destination, automatic content capture and insertion process, in combination with the sequential operation of all the steps claimed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anil N. Kumar whose telephone number is (571) 270-1693. The examiner can normally be reached on Wednesdays and alternate Mon-Tue and Thu-Fri EST (Alternate Mon-Tue and Thu-Fri off).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor Kristine Kincaid can be reached on (571) 272-4063. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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